Teachers not suitable for teaching

†2739. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the World Bank wherein it has been stated that 50 per cent teachers in the country are not suitable for imparting proper education and 25 per cent teachers even do not come to schools;

(b) whether Government agree with the figures given in this report;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to improve this situation; and

(d) if not, the factual position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) As per a nation-wide survey undertaken by the researchers from the World Bank and Harvard University in 2004 that covered 3700 primary schools spread over 20 States in the country, teacher absence rate was found to be 25%. Further, only 45% of teachers were actively engaged in teaching at the time of visit. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, emphasis has been given on the role of Village Education Committees and local bodies in the monitoring and supervision of schools including attendance of teachers.

Amount for Bihar under SSA

†2740. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Bihar out of the amount of Rs 10,041/- crores proposed for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in the budget 2006-07;

(b) whether it is a fact that the educationally backward States/regions be brought in the mainstream has been kept in mind while allocating this amount;

(c) the share of Bihar in the proposed construction of 5,00,000 additional rooms and recruitment of 1,50,000 teachers; and

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